**Fun with Coin Lexicon**



**First, visit the website http://www.usmint.gov/kids/coinNews/circulating/**

**Learn interesting facts about our U. S. Coins. Next solve these problems which include “coin lexicon” or words and phrases which include the names of coins.**

**Then try to write your own word problems using “coin lexicon.”**

**Always be sure to explain your thinking using numbers, pictures, or words.**

1. When my class plans a celebration I always *put in my two cents*. If I have planned thirty celebrations and really had to put in two cents each time, how much money have I spent?

2. My mother is a *penny pincher.* She takes her coupons to the store on Tuesdays because the store doubles the value of each coupon. If she took the following coupons to the store last Tuesday, how much money did she save?  
  
10 cents off a can of soup  
  
25 cents off a bottle of grape juice  
  
$1.00 off a box of cereal

3. Sam went to Nickelodeon ten times one year. How much did he spend to get into the show all together? (You will need to read the nickel lexicon!)

4. When I was young my grandmother used to take my sister and me to the *five and dime* store. Look at the list of items below and choose a combination of items that will equal $2. You can buy more than one of an item.

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| **5 cents** | **10 cents** |
| gum | notebook |
| lemonade | book |
| card game | goldfish |
| yo-yo | crayons |
| jump rope | harmonica |

5. My new bicycle *stops on a dime.* If I stopped fourteen times today and I really got a dime each time I stopped accurately, how much money would I get?

6. Have you ever heard a quarter called *two-bits?* If I have 8-bits, how many quarters do I have? How much money do I have?